

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-9 and add new claims 10-28, as follows:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (new) A plastic container for domestic washing machines which internally receives a rotary drum whose axes are mounted on bearings arranged in a bearing shell made of metallic material, wherein at least one plastic member is accommodated on at least one section of the surface of the bearing shell before the remainder of the plastic container is injection-molded onto the structural unit formed by the bearing shell and the plastic member.

11. (new) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein at least one plastic member is applied to the bearing shell by an injection-molding method which differs from the injection molding of the remainder of the plastic container.

12. (new) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the material of at least one of the plastic members differs from the material of the remainder of the plastic container.

13. (new) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the material of at least one of the plastic members is of a higher strength and quality than the remainder of the container.

14. (new) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the plastic member forms an envelope or insert of the bearing shell.

15 (new) The plastic container according to claim 14, wherein the envelope or insert forming the plastic member has ribs which impart greater strength to the join with the container.

16. (new) The plastic container according to claim 14, wherein the envelope or insert forming the plastic member covers the entire side surface of the bearing shell and the attachment and sleeve seal area of the same.

17. (new) The plastic container according to claim 10, wherein the plastic member accommodated in the bearing shell is a ring which surrounds the attachment of the bearing shell and the sleeve sealing area and a section of the side surface of the bearing shell.

18. (new) The plastic container according to claim 17, wherein the ring forming the plastic member which is injection-molded around the bearing shell has a variable configuration which makes it possible to achieve different forms of connection to the structural unit formed by the bearing shell and the plastic container.

19. (new) A container for a washing machine having a rotary drum disposed within the container and being mounted for rotation with respect to the container, the container comprising:

a bearing shell having a substantially cylindrical shape;

a plastic member formed on the bearing shell; and

the container being formed on the plastic member and retaining liquids during operation of the washing machine.

20. (new) The plastic container according to claim 19, wherein the plastic member includes at least one projection extending into the body of the container to form an interlocking engagement.

21. (new) The plastic container according to claim 19, wherein the plastic member is made from a first plastic material and the container is made from a second plastic material being different than the first plastic material.

22. (new) The plastic container according to claim 21, wherein the first plastic material has higher hardness and strength characteristics than the second plastic material.

23. (new) The plastic container according to claim 21, wherein the bearing shell is made from a metal material.

24. (new) The plastic container according to claim 19, wherein the plastic member is formed directly on the bearing shell with a first injection molding process and the container is formed directly on the plastic member with a second injection molding process.

25. (new) A method for making a container for retaining liquids within a washing machine having a rotary drum mounted for rotation with respect to the container, the method comprising the acts of:

providing a bearing shell;

applying a plastic member formed on the bearing shell with an injection molding process; and

then applying the container formed on the plastic member with an injection molding process.

26. (new) The method according to claim 25, further comprising forming at least one projection extending from the plastic member and into the body of the container to form an interlocking engagement between the plastic member and container.

27. (new) The method according to claim 25, wherein the plastic member is formed from a first plastic material and the container is formed from a second plastic material being different than the first plastic material.

28. (new) The method according to claim 27, wherein the first plastic material has higher hardness and strength characteristics than the second plastic material.